



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/197,643
Confirmation Number	1520
Filing Date	November 23, 1998
First Named Inventor	Naoki KUWATA
Group Art Unit	2615
Examiner Name	Nhan T. Tran
Matter Number	Q52377
Title	IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND MEDIUM CONTAINING IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name Ronald Kimble Registration No. 44,186

Signature  Date 11/4/2004